

DEER REPELLANT – SWEDISH STYLE

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From February/1992 to July/1994, my wife and I resided in a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden, while I was assigned as a McDonnell Douglas Field Service Representative to support a Customer airline. We were very fortunate to have found a beautiful rental house in a semi-remote area on a hillside that was surrounded by tall pine trees. This quiet and peaceful area lent itself to a variety of wild life species including the amply-populated white tail deer.

During the spring of 1992, on my weekend off, my wife and I planted a large quantity of petunias to beautify our home's surroundings. Unfortunately, the beauty of the petunias was to last just one day because the very next morning all their blossoms were gone! It seems that during the night, one or more deer arrived on the scene and thoroughly enjoyed munching on ALL of our flowers!



On Monday when I returned to my office, I told a group of airline engineers about my experience and I asked if I needed some wolf urine or other median to repel the deer from the property so that we could keep our flowers. They advised that the easiest and simplest solution is to cut out the shape of deer tails on a piece of white paper and then hang these on several tree branches! It is well known that when white tail deer are in danger, they signal others by flipping their tail to expose the white underside. So, the cutout paper deer tails were indeed the ultimate solution and we never had a deer problem again - Swedish ingenuity for sure! If you have a deer problem similar to what I've described, give the noted repelling method a try!

